IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
APPELLATE SIDE
WRIT PETITION NO.1486 OF 2005

Thermotouch Enterprises : Petitioner
V/s.
Maharashra State Electricity Board & Anr. : Respondents

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Mr. A. A. Kumbhakoni with Mr.A. B. Borkar for the petitioner.
Mrs.A. R. S. Baxi for respondent No.1.
Mr.P. I. Khemani, Assistant Government Pleader for respondent No.2.

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CORAM : DALVEER BHANDARI, C.J. &
S.A. BOBDE, J.

DATE : APRIL 7, 2005.

P.C.:

1. We have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

2. The petitioner is aggrieved by the order dated 3.1.2005 passed by the Superintending Engineer, Prune 11. According to the learned counsel appearing for the MSEB, the petitioner has to pay Rs.5,97,555/- towards arrears. We would like the appellate authority to examine the matter in appeal, after affording hearing to the petitioner, and pass a detailed reasoned order. This order would, of course, be subject to the petitioner paying a sum of Rs.3 lakhs out of the outstanding amount of arrears within ten days from today. On payment of this amount,

the Superintending Engineer, Pune 11, is directed to hear the petitioner and decide its case by a reasoned order.

3. The petitioner is also directed to pay the current bills regularly. Respondent no.1 would be at liberty to disconnect the electricity supply in case the current bills are not paid by the petitioner within the stipulated period. The case of the petitioner for H.T. power supply would be considered by respondent no.1 after all payments of outstanding arrears.

4. The appellate authority is directed to ensure that the appeal is decided, as expeditiously as possible, and, in any case, within six weeks from the date the parties appear before him.

5. No further directions are necessary. This petition is, accordingly, disposed of.

Sd/-

CHIEF JUSTICE

Sd/-

S.A. BOBDE, J.